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SUBJECT: NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES

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1. EMBOFF MET MAY 23 WITH DR. ALFONSO CARUSI, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERIES AT GOI MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE TO DELIVER ICNAF COMMISSIONERS DOCUMENT (STATE 90315, STATE A-4151), AND FURTHER DISCUSS SERIOUS US CONCERN WITH ICNAF.

2. CARUSI NOTED THAT GOI HAD NOT YET TAKEN FIRM POSITION ON QUESTION, HOPING TO COORDINATE WITH THOSE EC PARTNERS IN ICNAF. NOTED HE WOULD ATTEND EC MEETING IN BRUSSELS MAY 25 TO DISCUSS ICNAF. (NOTE: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT BACKGROUND MESSAGES TO USEC BRUSSELS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH EC COMMISSION.)

3. CARUSI STATED THAT GOI GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO INCREASED
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CONSERVATION EFFORT FOR SPECIFIC SPECIES -- E. G., HERRING, COD --, AND ALSO TO MODIFICATIONS OF RULES, WITH CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED RESERVATIONS HAVING IMPLICATIONS FOR ITALIAN MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS -- E. G., EAST AND SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSIONS, MEDITERRANEAN AND TUNA CONVENTIONS.

4. RE ICNAF CARUSI SUGGESTED EITHER MORE POWERFUL REGULATING AUTHORITY OR MORE RIGOROUS CONSERVATION SYSTEM AIMED AT AN EFFECTIVE REDUCTION IN EFFORT. EXPRESSED PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR CLOSING OF CERTAIN ZONES WHERE RESOURCES THREATENED, NOTING THAT STOCKS TEND TO REPLENISH WITHIN SEVERAL YEARS. SUCH ACTION, HE ADDED, INVOLVES MINIMAL SACRIFICE ON PART OF FLEETS CONCERNED EXCEPT NECESSITY TO MOVE TO ANOTHER AREA. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION HE STRESSED VALIDITY OF MULTILATERAL REGIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUCH AS ICNAF, AS WELL AS IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF SEAS. VOLPE

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